

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1612

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A RESOLUTION to welcome the American bald eaglets recently hatched at Radnor Lake State Park.

WHEREAS, after a big snowfall in January 2022, two young American bald eagles began building a nest at Radnor Lake State Park in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, approximately five years old, the two eagles, male and female, nested at a perfect spot overlooking their new hunting grounds at Radnor Lake, which is chock full of their basic diet of fish; and

WHEREAS, the female eagle began sitting on her eggs in late February, and on April 5, a video camera recorded the nearly three-week-old eaglets popping their heads in and out of the nest; and

WHEREAS, the proud parents will raise their brood for approximately ninety days, and then the eaglets will fledge, or take their first flight; and

WHEREAS, this happy occasion marks the first successful bald eagle nest ever built at Radnor Lake and only the fourth such nest confirmed in Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, the Radnor Lake miracle has been lauded as the conservation story of a lifetime; American bald eagles, which were classified as an endangered species not so long ago, are now nesting and reproducing at a site fewer than eight miles from the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Steve Ward, manager at Radnor Lake State Park, and his team of rangers and other employees have done an excellent job of creating the best environment to attract nesting bald eagles, maintaining the ecological diversity of the park while providing ample opportunities for the public to observe the eagles without disturbing their natural activities or habitat; and

WHEREAS, Radnor Lake park rangers are on-site with spotting scopes to provide wildlife watchers with a closer look at the new eagle family and allow them to take a photograph if they want; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed exhilarating for the patrons of Radnor Lake State Park to witness the most recognizable symbol of the United States of America flying majestically through the air, and these sightings have rekindled the patriotic spirit of those lucky enough to observe the American bald eagle function in its natural habitat; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we welcome the American bald eaglets recently hatched at Radnor Lake State Park to Tennessee, wish them all the best in their fledging efforts, and express our hope that their parents will return to nest again at Radnor Lake next mating season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Radnor Lake State Park Manager Steve Ward and his outstanding staff for creating a welcoming environment for nesting American bald eagles and preserving their privacy and habitat while making this miracle available for public viewing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.